

# WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Friday; temperature tonight about 20 degrees; moderate west to northwest winds.  
Temperature for the past twenty-four hours: High, 38, at 11 a.m. today; low, 28, at 8 a.m. today.  
For full report see page 19.

About every one in Washington who reads at all reads The Star.

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## COMMISSION PROBE OF D.C. CONSIDERED

Members of House Discuss Method of Settling Strife Over Financial Relations.

## MAY VOTE TO DISAGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENTS

Leaders in Fight Against Half and Half Plan Expect Defeat, However.

The possibility of a commission to inquire into the fiscal relations between the District of Columbia and the federal government was a topic of conversation in the corridors of the House today, in view of the fact that tomorrow Representative Page of North Carolina will move to disagree to the Senate amendments to the bill for the appropriation of funds for the District of Columbia. Although there is no possibility in sight for the adoption by the House of a provision for an investigating commission in the conferees' report on the District bill, there is a possibility, which is almost a probability, that Representative Underwood of Iowa will endeavor to bring up his resolution to appoint a commission and settle the half-and-half question for good and all. This depends on whether or not there will be another District day in this session.

## May Set Aside District Days.

The calendar sets aside January 25, February 8 and February 22 as possible District days. There is every prospect that the big supply bill committees will grab the time on all these days. Representative Underwood, however, has said that there will probably be no more chances for District day at this session.

Notwithstanding the fact the District bill may go to conference with the House conferees instructed to vote against the Senate amendments, the House conferees are already made up, and in the past have made recommendations on all sorts of subjects, none of which has been followed by legislation, because Congress has never adopted the commission's advice.

There are several plans for a commission, the sole difference of opinion resting on the personnel. Representative Johnson, chairman of the District committee, has never looked favorably on a commission, taking the ground that commissions work slowly, are likely to be composed of men whose minds are already made up, and in the past have made recommendations on all sorts of subjects, none of which has been followed by legislation, because Congress has never adopted the commission's advice.

## Street Plan Stricken Out.

Another conference report in which the District is interested has been placed before the House. This is the report on the urgent deficiency bill, in which the conferees have agreed to strike from the bill the paragraph authorizing the commission to study the street plan recently held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

## Editor Released on \$5,000 Bail.

SP. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, January 21.—Joseph J. Ertor, Industrial Worker of the World leader, who has been in jail here awaiting a hearing on the charge of treason, was arraigned before Mayor Davis this morning. He entered a plea of not guilty and was bound over to the grand jury. Ertor gave bail for \$5,000, and immediately left for his home in Clairsville, after the receipt by Capt. Ertor of a cable message from Secretary Bryan of the State Department granting permission to make the change.

## S. S. Satsuma Now Flies U. S. Flag.

NEW YORK, January 21.—The steamship Satsuma, formerly British, and flying the American flag, arrived here today from Sunderland, England. Her transfer to American registry was accomplished at Newcastle, England, after the receipt by Capt. Ertor of a cable message from Secretary Bryan of the State Department granting permission to make the change.

## Anti-Alien Bill Questioned.

BOISE, Idaho, January 21.—Prominent lawyers here said today that the anti-alien bill, passed by the lower house of the state legislature yesterday, was practically the same as the Arizona law recently held unconstitutional by a special tribunal sitting at San Francisco. Although the measure prohibits the acquisition of land by aliens, it does not prohibit a foreigner from leasing or purchasing land upon vacating out his first citizenship papers. It contains no reference to blood, race or nationality.

## The Demon of Insomnia

HOW to overcome it is set forth in an article full of medical wisdom, told in simple language by EDWIN F. BOWERS, M. D. Don't go to the country for a quiet sleep if you can't get it in town, is one of his bits of advice.

In the next Sunday Magazine of the Sunday Star

## SIDDONS ASSUMES SEAT ON D.C. BENCH

Becomes Associate Justice of Supreme Court. Being Warmly Congratulated.

## NINETY-EIGHT LAWYERS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Four Women Among the Number Who Took Oath as Members of the Bar.

A new associate justice and ninety-eight new lawyers were presented today to the bar of the District of Columbia. Frederick L. Siddons, who yesterday resigned as District Commissioner, took the oath of office as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The new justice then sat with his associates on the bench at the admission to practice of ninety-eight successful candidates at a recent examination held at the law school of Georgetown University by the examining committee of the court.

## New Justice Congratulated.

The consultation room of the general term was packed with floral remembrances and crowded with lawyers and friends of the new justice when Chief Justice Covington administered to Justice Siddons the judicial oath to do equal justice between the rich and the poor and to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. The new justice repeated the oath in a solemn and impressive voice and the ceremony of induction was completed.

After the chief justice and Associate Justices Anderson, Gould, Stafford and Justice Sutherland had congratulated the new justice, the assembly formed into line and shook the hands of Justice Siddons. Among the first to congratulate him were his wife, his daughter Elizabeth and his sister, Miss Victoria L. Siddons. Others extending felicitations were Commissioner Newman, Mr. Newman and her mother, Mrs. McComas; Engineer Commissioner Kutz, Mrs. Louis Brown, wife of the newly appointed Commissioner; Associate Justice Barnard, retired; Jackson H. Ralston, his former law partner; E. C. Brandenburg, acting director of the Board of Trade; Amos A. Steele, former secretary to Commissioner Siddons; Corporation Counsel Syme, Assessors Richards, Ben L. Prince, tax collector, and numerous members of the bar.

## Ninety-Eight New Lawyers.

William Henry Dennis, president of the examining committee of the bar, before presenting the neophytes, took occasion to name and on behalf of the ninety-four men and four women who were to be admitted to practice. The new lawyers were called to the bar, and in groups of ten took the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. The ceremony was presided over by Chief Justice Covington, who explained to them the responsibility of the profession. He warned them that while they were to be admitted to practice, they were to be guided by the highest standards of the law, their first duty being to the public and to the community. He cautioned them that they were to be guided by the highest standards of the law, their first duty being to the public and to the community.

## Four Women Admitted.

One of the four women admitted to practice is Mrs. S. T. Andrew of Jefferson City, Mo. She was graduated last June at the Washington College of Law in the class with her husband, Herbert B. Andrew. The son has returned to Missouri, the mother said, and will practice law in St. Louis. "The only reason I took up law," said Mrs. Andrew, "was that I might receive a degree in the same class with my boy."

## Avoids an Interview.

The fourth woman admitted today was Miss Helena T. Doocy of this city. She modestly avoided an interview. Doocy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Doocy of this city and a niece of Judge Edward Doocy of Paducah, Ky.

## Other Men Admitted.

Among the men admitted was William E. Chapman of Oklahoma, assistant superintendent of the State, War and Navy buildings. The names of the other new lawyers (Continued on Fourteenth Page.)

## GRIFFITH BOOMED FOR RECORDERSHIP

Congressmen Would Place Maryland Man in District Office.

## BROWNLOW SEES WILSON AND VOICES HIS THANKS

Tumultuous Bryan Resignation Story—President Gets Peace Medal.

The Maryland delegation in Congress has endorsed Dr. Lewis A. Griffith of Upper Marlboro for recorder of deeds of the District, and his name was presented to President Wilson today by Representative Lenthum on behalf of the delegation. Mr. Lenthum told the President that Dr. Griffith is a physician of high standing and a lifelong democrat. He is a registered physician and property holder in the District of Columbia, Mr. Lenthum said. The President said he would consider Dr. Griffith, but that he is in a dilemma about the position.

Some time ago the President intimated to a congressional caller that, while he had promised to give the position to some colored man of prominence and character, he had been forcibly reminded of the promises made in the Baltimore platform and of his own promises as to home rule for the District and territories. Mr. Lenthum asked the President not to give the place to a colored man.

## Invited to Banquet.

Mr. Lenthum introduced a delegation from the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, which invited the President to attend a banquet of the chapter at the Hotel Belvedere February 27. The President cannot accept. The delegation has also asked Secretary Lane to be present.

Louis Brownlow, whose nomination for District Commissioner to succeed Associate Justice Siddons is now before the Senate, paid his respects and thanked the President for the honor conferred on him. Mr. Brownlow also talked with Secretary Tumulty. Representative Sims of Tennessee, father-in-law of the President, conferred with the President about the nomination of a postmaster at Jackson, the largest town in Mr. Sims' district. Mr. Sims has recommended W. Blackford for the position, but Senator Lea objects to him. Mr. Sims explained the situation to the President, who is said to be at a loss to understand why Senator Lea interferes in the matter. The President said he would refer the matter to the Senate.

## Nickey Ben Is Returned.

Nickey Ben, the most troublesome dog around the White House within the collection of the President's employes, has been returned to the Executive Mansion after another absence. Nicky Ben is a Scotch collie, the property of Mrs. McAdoo, President Wilson's hostess. He frequently made prowling trips away from the White House, his roving and friendly disposition being at the bottom of his trouble. He was once again disappeared and the police of the District began a search for him. It was difficult to trace him, but finally he was found at a house on 18th street, within a few blocks of the White House. He was brought back to the White House and turned to his rightful owners, who are in a quandary as to how to keep him at home without tiring him out.

## Sullivan Story Denied.

Secretary Tumulty today pronounced as untrue a story published in New York that Secretary Bryan threatened to resign. He said that the story was a fabrication. He said that he had received a letter from Mr. Bryan, who was in the city, and that he had never mentioned the matter to each other. Mr. Tumulty said, and there was no interference from the President. Secretary Tumulty spoke in behalf of Roger Sullivan and Mr. Bryan, who were both present. Messrs. McAdoo and Burleson are credited with having caused the alleged threatened resignation. The President is said to have been urged by Mr. Bryan to give the position to Mr. Bryan, who was a candidate for senator and representative.

## Commended by Quakers.

The Ohio Quakers, at their recent annual gathering, appointed Elizabeth B. Steer of Salem and James Walton of Barnesville to carry to President Wilson resolutions adopted commending him for his efforts to prevent this country getting into the European war and urging him to use all proper efforts at the right time, to bring about peace. The delegates saw the President today, introduced by Representative Francis. The President expressed pleasure at receiving the visitors and resolutions.

## Peace Medal for President.

A gold medal commemorating the 100th anniversary of peace between Great Britain and the United States was presented to President Wilson today by Assistant Secretary Peters of the Treasury Department, on behalf of the Louisiana Historical Association. Mr. Peters said that the medal was presented to the President at the peace celebration in New Orleans.

## Provision for Connolly Discussed.

Representative Kirkpatrick of Iowa conferred with the President about the vacancy on the federal district bench for the southern district of Iowa, caused by the death of Judge Smith McPherson, who was also a judge of the circuit court of appeals for the eighth circuit. Representative Connolly of Iowa, who made the race for senator, was present. The President said he would consider the matter. The President said he would consider the matter.



Suggestions and Possibilities for the Distinctive Marking of Congressmen as Proposed by Representative Cary.

## War Officially Reported.

BERLIN, January 21, by wireless to London, 3:05 p.m.—The following official statement was issued at the war office today:

"In the western theater of war only artillery duels took place yesterday between the coast and the Lys. Trenches at Notre Dame de Lorette, which we occupied the day before yesterday, were lost again today. "Northeast of Arras the French repeatedly attacked both sides of the high road from Arras to Lille, but were repulsed. Southwest of Berry-au-Bac we took two trenches from the French and kept them, notwithstanding their fierce counter attacks. "French attacks on our positions south of St. Mihiel were repulsed. Northwest of Pont-a-Mousson we succeeded in recapturing the positions we evacuated three days ago. In that vicinity our troops captured four cannon and several prisoners. Fighting still continues for the remainder of the lost trenches. "In the Vosges, northwest of Senheim, battles still proceed. "The situation in East Prussia remains the same. An unimportant engagement to the east of Lipno ended favorably for us. One hundred prisoners remained in our hands."

## French Statement

No statement under today's date had been received from the French war office up to the hour The Star went to press, the delay being due, it was announced, to cable troubles. The following statement was issued by the war office in Paris last night: "Last evening the enemy gained a footing in one of our trenches to the north of Notre Dame de Lorette. This morning he was driven from it, following a counter attack, leaving in our hands more than one hundred prisoners. "During the course of the night of January 19-20, in the region of Albert, an attack to the south of Thiépval, which had progressed as far as our wire entanglements, was thrown back. Three successive attacks on La Boisselle met the same fate. "In the Argonne an attack by the enemy on La Fontaine Aux Charnes was repulsed after a hand-to-hand struggle."

## Russian Statements

PETROGRAD, January 21.—The following communication from general headquarters of the Russian army has been issued: "There is nothing of importance to report of the operations January 19 along our entire front, except the usual rifle firing and cannonading. "In the region north of Rawa the Germans made two attempts at a partial offensive. These were stopped by our fire, and the enemy was compelled to fall back. "In the evening of January 18 the Germans in the region of the village of Viktoritsa (on the left bank of Bura) made an attack against the head of the bridge, under the glare of searchlights, rockets and straw which had been set on fire at a distance of 300 paces. This attack was repulsed by the efficient fire of our artillery. "The same evening in western Galicia, the Germans, after cannonading heavily our positions south of the small town of Radloff, and setting on fire two villages behind our positions, made an attack on them. Compact detachments of the enemy reached our barbed-wire entanglements, but our destructive fire prevented further progress. They suffered heavy losses, and were compelled to fall back on their position. "In Bukovina our troops are advancing with success. They have occupied, after some fighting, the village of Ichneschti, about ten miles north of Watra Dorna, where they captured and made prisoners both officers and men. "The following communication from the general staff of the army of the Caucasus has been given out here: "January 19, in the region of Ahalik, Lavor and Kyagani, we fought a series of combats with the Turkish rear guard, who retreated precipitately. We captured a great many prisoners and a Turkish camp. "January 18 we occupied Ardanchut, in Transcaucasia, near the Turkish border. "A torpedo boat sent to inspect the Asia Minor coast sank twelve vessels with their cargoes near Archava. "In other sections there has been no particular change."

## FORGERS' TRUST FOUND.

Members Rob Mail Boxes and Cash Checks Obtained. NEW YORK, January 21.—The existence of a so-called forgers' trust with extensive ramifications and many agents throughout the United States is announced here by a private detective agency employed by the American Bankers' Association to investigate a flood of forgeries that have lately poured into New York banks. The method of operation was the rifling of letter boxes in the halls of apartment houses and the extraction from letters thus obtained of checks and drafts. In nearly every case where the amount of the check was small the check was raised to \$100 by means of chemicals. Many of the checks were cashed in the banks on which they were drawn. The activities of the organization, it was said, were suspended for a time when a man was arrested in whose possession was found one hundred or more checks stolen from letter boxes of firms located between the Battery and 14th street in this city.

## Death of Chief Justice Hollenbeck.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 21.—Chief Justice Conrad Hollenbeck of the Nebraska supreme court died here yesterday of heart disease after a brief illness. Justice Hollenbeck had been in office only two weeks.

## DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate. Republicans continued their attack on the administration shipping bill. Work on the rivers and harbors bill was begun in the commerce committee. Senator Martine attempted unsuccessfully to get up his bill to prohibit employment of armed guards by corporations. House. Met at 11 a.m. Debate was begun on the army bill.

## GUTIERREZ TROOPS DESERT TO VILLA

Northern Chief Reassures U. S. of Full Protection for Americans.

## LOWER CALIFORNIA PUTS TARIFF ON ALL GOODS

Col. Cantu Becomes Governor and Forces Taxes to Be Paid in Metal Money.

Gen. Villa today renewed his assurances to the American government that notwithstanding the disturbed condition of affairs in Mexico, American and their property would be given "full protection." Consular Agent Carothers, reporting to the State Department today, a conversation with Villa, said the general had informed him many of the troops which left Mexico City with Gen. Gutierrez were returning to the Villa ranks. To one of the State Department's representatives at Aguascalientes yesterday the general said: "I am in complete accordance with the principles which he had proclaimed, which, he says, are the only basis for a firm and peaceful government in Mexico. There will be no extension to the American people residing in Mexico full protection for their lives and property." A State Department announcement adds that "it is reported some of the troops who left Mexico City with Gutierrez have gone over to Gen. Villa."

## Villa Controls Lower California.

Mail advices from Ensenada, Lower California, state that the district is controlled absolutely by Col. Cantu, a representative of Gen. Villa. The dispatch adds:

"Col. Cantu, who has assumed the functions of the governor of the district, has issued two decrees, which have had a salutary effect on local financial conditions. The first is an order that no taxes, import duties or other payments to governmental officials be accepted. The second decree, which only Mexican silver or American money at one dollar for two pesos being accepted. The second decree, which only Mexican silver or American money at one dollar for two pesos being accepted. The second decree, which only Mexican silver or American money at one dollar for two pesos being accepted."

## Declines to Write Policy on Ship Sold by Germans to American Owner.

No insurance on the hull of the steamer Dacia, the former Hamburg-American liner now under the American flag, will be granted by the federal war risk insurance bureau, but a policy will be issued, probably today, on her cargo of cotton.

## Is Made in Mexico

Proposal that the capital of Mexico be declared neutral territory and a general amnesty granted to all who conduct peace parleys has been made to Gen. Carranza and is to be made to Gen. Carranza by the convention. Col. Roque Gonzalez Garza, temporary head of the convention government, conveyed this intelligence in a telegram dated Tuesday and received last night by his agent here, Enrique C. Lorente. Somewhere outside of Mexico City is Gen. Gutierrez, until last week provisional president under the convention, with several thousand men who left the capital with him. At Vera Cruz Gen. Carranza is maintaining his government as first chief of the constitutionalists.

## HULSWITT NOW MANAGER.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 21.—Eugene Hulswitt, former chairman of the Columbus club of the American Association, was today named manager for the team during the coming season. Hulswitt was manager of the Jersey City club of the International League last year. He succeeded William H. Harkness, who has joined the Pittsburgh Nationals. Hulswitt signed today a contract to manage the local team.

## Prof. A. W. Phillips Dead.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., January 21.—Prof. Albert W. Phillips, former dean of the Yale graduate school, died at his home here last night of heart disease. He was seventy years old and a graduate of Yale in 1873. Prof. Phillips was noted as a mathematician, and was the author of a number of works on scientific subjects.

## German Troops in the Rear of Advancing Russian Army

PETROGRAD, January 21, via London, 2:30 p.m.—German forces have appeared in the rear of the Russian army which is advancing toward the Prussian border. They are along the road from Pionk, forty miles northwest of Warsaw, to Gostina, thus being between the advancing Russian army and the Polish capital. So far as is known only comparatively small bodies of Germans, consisting of reconnoitering detachments, are in this locality.

## Think French Offensive Ended.

Although spirited fighting is in progress along the western battle front, the official statement from the German war office today shows that the French offensive of last night was of merely a local character. The French made repeated attacks near Arras and south of St. Mihiel, but were repulsed. The Germans captured trenches near Berry-au-Bac and Pont-a-Mousson, but lost ground in the neighborhood of Notre Dame de Lorette.

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